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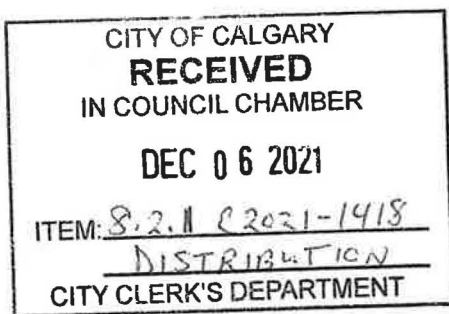
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw

Date of meeting Dec 6, 2021



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To understand the scope of action needed, the Pembina Institute prepared an analysis for The City of Edmonton. The results concluded that, in addition to a greener electrical grid and on-site renewables, more than 3% of existing homes require retrofitting every year from now until 2050. For Edmonton this means about 7,000 detached or semi-detached homes, 4,500 townhomes and 760 units in multi unit residential buildings each year. The estimated cost to complete these energy upgrades was \$320M annually resulting in the creation of 3,000 jobs/year.

Other efforts to advance residential retrofitting include the current collaboration between The City of Calgary, The City of Edmonton and Alberta Ecotrust on a project to explore alternative retrofit program designs that could be funded using private or public dollars and that could have an expanded reach. It will be critical to monitor and evaluate the uptake and success of this work as well as CEIP in the coming years..

Importantly, the experience of many Calgarians living in energy poverty must be prioritized when planning for residential deep retrofits in Calgary. The accessibility and equity of loan programs must be carefully considered for the program to be designed and delivered in support of the more than 64,000 Calgarians paying double, or more, the national average of income spent on energy bills.

Alberta Ecotrust is keen to continue our partnership with the City in delivering meaningful projects that drive down emissions. Alberta Ecotrust supports this Bylaw and looks forward to continued progress in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Letizia".

Pat Letizia, President and CEO

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